



# RevUp



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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

## News you can use

### Set your clocks forward one hour Sunday

Daylight-saving time will be effective at 2 a.m. Sunday. Clocks should be set forward one hour.

Employees at work when the time changes will be credited with the actual number of hours they worked. The hour lost due to the time change will be charged to annual leave or leave without pay, as applicable. When one hour of leave is charged due to the time change, the exact hour of absence, 2 to 3 a.m., should be shown on the time and attendance report.

Questions should be referred to your servicing employee relations specialist in the Civilian Personnel Office at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

— From staff reports

### Free appreciation concert set for April 9

WEBL-FM (102.5 The Bull), Clear Channel Radio, will sponsor a free appreciation concert for military and civilian employees and their families April 9 from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Enlisted Club parking lot. Country artists Chris Stacy & Rain, a five-piece pop country band from Nashville, Tenn., and Teresa Wade, a Georgia native, promoting her current single, “I’m All Over That” will perform. Services will be selling food and drinks. Bring a lounge chair and join in the fun. In case of rain, concert will be held in the Base Theater. No federal endorsement implied.

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### Senior officer announcements

Col. Bruce L. Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, will retire July 31. Col. Theresa C. Carter, 42nd Mission Support Group commander, AETC, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., will replace Colonel Curry.

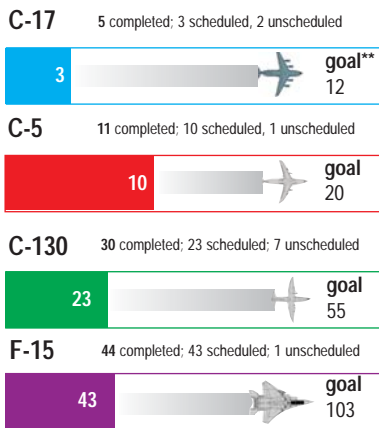
Col. Silvia S. Anderson, 78th Mission Support Group commander, will become AFMC/LG logistics readiness division chief, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Col. Allen J. Benefield, AFMC/MS programs division chief, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, will replace Colonel Anderson.

Col. Jeffrey A. Kennedy, 19th Air Refueling Group deputy commander, will become 18th Wing vice commander, Kadena Air Base, Japan, in June. Col. Harold H. Rice, Air War College student, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., will replace Colonel Kennedy.

— From staff reports

### Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins’ progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of March 29.



\*\*Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don’t count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, 402nd Maintenance Wing

U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

### Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

**Today**  
Cloudy with chance of thunderstorms



72/60

**Saturday**  
Partly cloudy



65/51

**Sunday**  
Sunny



69/42

### What’s inside

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## Sinkhole closes busy road



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Sandy Brooks, left, of Womack Paving and Lance Woods, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron civil engineer, examine the sinkhole that damaged a section of Robins Parkway over the weekend resulting in the closing of a busy section of base roadway. A 30-foot-wide, 15-foot-deep hole appeared Sunday, crumbling a portion of the northbound lane of Robins Parkway. Base officials have closed Robins Parkway from Seventh Street to the intersection of Robins, MLK and Fifth Street. Bob Farrell, deputy base civil engineer, said the road should be open by Thursday with only minor work left to be completed on the road’s shoulder.

## White Knights repair C-130 at Minn. guard base

By Holly L. Birchfield

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A C-130 Hercules that suffered extensive damage during a landing approach at the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., Air National Guard Base is well on its way to recovery.

Seventeen Airmen from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron began working on the aircraft at the Minnesota base in October, repairing more than \$1 million in damage caused when the aircraft’s landing gear failed as the plane touched down at the base in May.

Crews worked until late February, putting in

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## Wingman Day run



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, wearing black sunglasses, and 78th ABW members begin the three mile fun run, which was part of Wingman Day activities. The colonel said Wednesday’s run wasn’t a race but the physical fitness part of Wingman Day activities.



U.S. Air Force photo by Lanorris Askew

Ariel Gonzalez configures a voice protection system interface card. The system is designed to protect the telephone system from any malicious intent.

## Voice protection system will safeguard phone system users

By Lanorris Askew

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Securing information is their mission and the 78th Communications Squadron takes it seriously.

According to the squadron’s mission systems flight personnel, although the recent education campaign to ensure computer network security has shed light on what goes on to protect the base from would be attackers, the data network is not the only one at risk.

“Years ago it was decided that if someone tried to compromise the data network there needed to be a way to stop that, and firewalls were born,” said Capt. Mike Hills, 78th CS mission systems flight commander. “More recently we started to look at the convergence of data and voice technology and noticed there was nothing complimentary to the firewall for the voice system or telephones, even though there are just as many people out there who would like to break into that system and cause havoc.”

With that knowledge, a new system known as the voice protection system, or VPS, was created. The system, when implemented, will

### What to know

For more information on VPS, contact Ariel Gonzalez at 222-0055 or ariel.gonzalez@robins.af.mil

ensure the voice or telephone network at Robins is just as secure as the computer network and effectively guard the “backdoor” to the Data Network from unauthorized access.

The voice protection system, which is basically a voice firewall, is designed to protect the telephone system from any malicious intent, and the AF Wide fielded system was installed here in 2003 but certain infrastructure upgrades need to be accomplished before the system can be fully activated.

“It was a downward directed system from the Department of Defense level,” said Captain Hills. “All military installations under the Department of Defense will eventually be required to run and configure this system because we all have voice systems and they are all vulnerable.”

How it works

Although the system uses split second technology, the premise is

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## NSPS starts soon

New personnel system aims to transform DoD into more agile, efficient organization

By Lanorris Askew

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A new civilian personnel system with an emphasis on pay for performance and better recognition for outstanding performers is on its way and leaders say patience is the key.

The largest comprehensive overhaul of the Civilian Personnel System since the 1970s, and the most fundamental change to civil service pay since the 1950s, the new National Security Personnel System, or NSPS, will affect just under 12,000 appropriated fund civilian employees here and is being implemented based on public law. NSPS will also impact the Air Force members who supervise, manage, and lead civilians.

“The purpose of NSPS is to better support the fundamental national security mission of the Department of Defense,” said Dale Foster, civilian personnel flight chief. “NSPS will provide to the DoD, through its senior leadership and line managers, more flexibility than the current system provides to better utilize

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## Final Joint STARS plane delivered

Air Force Print News Service

SAN ANTONIO – Officials from the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., delivered the 17th and final E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft to the 116th Air Control Wing at Robins March 23.

The wing is the only unit to fly the aircraft. The Joint STARS aircraft is the world’s most advanced wide-area airborne ground surveillance, targeting and battle management system.

“We’re extremely proud to give the wing another tool in the low density, high demand toolkit,” said Col. James Shaw, deputy director of the Joint STARS Systems Group at Hanscom. “Joint STARS demonstrated its vital role ... during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, epitomized by its ability to see through the now-famous sand storm attack.”

The Joint STARS aircraft is an airborne battle management, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft. Its primary mission is to provide ground and air commanders with

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# NSPS

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the skills and talents of the civilian work force.”

The initiative is part of efforts by officials to transform DoD into a more agile and efficient organization for the 21st century, said Dr. David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Dr. Chu said NSPS, slated for partial implementation in July, will affect about 300,000 of the department’s 700,000 civilian employees. Remaining DoD civilian employees are expected to move into the new system beginning January 2007.

He said current civilian pay scales are based on how “long you’ve been around.” Polls show the younger workers DoD



**Dale Foster** is the civilian personnel flight chief at Robins.

officials are seeking to replace retiring older employees want a more performance-based compensation system.

“They want to join an organization where if you do more, you are rewarded,” he said.

Performance for pay “is not an untried principle” at DoD, Dr. Chu said, noting several pay-for-performance pilot programs have been tested through the years.

The system also gives managers the tools to hire new employees more quickly and more means to discipline under-producers.

Dr. Chu said such change is likely to be “upsetting” among a work force accustomed to the older personnel system. Managers who will supervise workers under NSPS will “require training and preparation in order for them to be effective,” he said.

Mr. Foster agreed with the undersecretary.

He said negative responses are out there, but he attributes them to fear of change and the unknown.

“There are currently a lot of unknowns with NSPS and until

those are better defined by the final rules, no one really knows how the new system will impact them as an employee,” he said.

Michael O’Hara, Civilian Personnel officer, said naturally, people seek predictability and constancy.

“With this fundamental shift from a system based largely on longevity to one based on merit there is concern,” he said. “I’m optimistic, though, that through education and marketing many of those fears will be mitigated. Any time we face changes of this nature there inevitably are new seams of opportunity created. Certainly those who learn the system and accept its advent will be best positioned to take advantage of those new opportunities.”

As a part of the implementation process Robins a local NSPS program management office is under development and will be minimally operational by May 2. The office will begin coordinating with the new wing management and leadership and begin to plan and resource how Robins will implement NSPS.

“Part of the responsibility for the new office will be to begin

providing information directly to every employee through e-mail, a Web site and presentations as we gain more information about the actual NSPS rules,” said Mr. Foster. “One of our first goals will be to share information and to educate the work force about the new system.”

## How NSPS will work

Mr. Foster explained that the DoD plan to implement NSPS calls for three spirals, or phases. Spiral one is for the general schedule population across the DoD. Within that first spiral the plan is to have three sub-spirals.

“Spiral 1.1 bases will fully implement NSPS’ three key elements: labor relations, human resource systems, and appeals and adverse actions,” said Mr. Foster.

Robins, which is in spiral 1.3, will implement the labor relations element in July when that element goes DoD-wide. The remaining two elements in spiral 1.3 will be implemented in July 2006.

To help with its later implementations, Robins will assist Tinker Air Force Base,

Oklahoma, and Hill Air Force Base, Utah, as they go through spiral 1.1 and 1.2.

“Because they’re currently in an earlier sub-spiral we’ll gain lessons learned and bring those back to our working groups at Robins to analyze,” said Mr. Foster. “That will help us avoid any problems or pitfalls the other two centers may have encountered.”

Mr. Foster said it was a conscious decision by Robins’ senior leadership to not volunteer to be in the first sub-spiral.

“We wanted to take the opportunity for lessons learned.”

Mr. Foster urges everyone to be patient as the processes move forward.

“Allow us time to do the analysis and go over the lessons learned, to develop policies and procedures,” he said. “And if any employee has a problem or concern, contact the ALC-CCN (NSPS Program Management Office) once it’s operational so we can share information. The key is to be patient. Let this thing evolve with the understanding that it is public law and we will implement some form

of NSPS.”

After NSPS has been fully implemented, employees “will have a much happier work force,” Dr. Chu said.

He said old civil service rules hamstrung supervisors.

Mr. Foster agreed.

“NSPS will provide senior leadership the flexibility to assign civilians into positions that are currently filled by contractors or potentially military because of the inflexibility of the current system,” he said. “Those flexibilities will be obtained through a change to the classification of civilian jobs. NSPS allows the DoD to better utilize civilian talents to fill positions and potentially free up the military members so they can go do those things that are uniquely military. If you consider NSPS from a positive perspective management, over time, will be better able to fit employees into jobs that allow the employees to flourish through the potential expansion of the type of work available. “

*Editor’s note: Air Force Print News Service contributed to this story.*

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simple.

“The VPS works similar to a data firewall in that you get to block certain things,” said Ariel Gonzalez, 78th CS VPS point of contact. “In the data world you block certain Internet providers or ports, but in the voice world it’s not that complicated. You’re actually blocking phone numbers.”

Mr. Gonzalez said the main concern is obviously from a hacker perspective.

“Modems or anything that can draw a modem type tone can be connected to a data network device and be used in attempts to compromise the network,” he said. “From an information assurance perspective, it’s very important that we capture those numbers.”

He explained that during times of higher levels of information conditions the number of lines that can call or be called at the

base should be limited for command and control purposes.

“Limiting the amount of equipment that can be called out or into is what the VPS is for,” he said.

Captain Hills agreed.

“Anyone who has a fax machine, modem or secure telephone device such as a secure telephone equipment, or STE, or secure telephone unit, or STU, share a common tonal quality when they’re making a connection,” said the captain. “What VPS does is detect that tone and asks ‘should I have this tone at this number.’ If that phone is registered in the database, the VPS will let the call pass. If the number is not registered, it will kill the connection and no kind of hacker can get in.”

According to Mr. Gonzalez, the system also obstructs the capability of any rogue modems or faxes. What does this mean for users here?

“There are people out there with faxes, modems and secure

equipment devices with a legitimate purpose and mission need to operate,” said Captain Hills. “We now have the need to make sure they are properly registered in the system.”

Proper registration will prevent mission interruption, frustration and unneeded worry that someone may be trying to hack into the system.

“It’s in everyone’s best interest to work closely with the telephone control officers at all levels to make sure everything is properly registered,” he said. “The outcome of not registering their systems will be a denial of service as the system will consider an unregistered number to be an intrusion attempt. As we get closer to the implementation phase, detailed trouble reporting procedures will be developed for customers experiencing problems.

The system will affect everyone who has their phone service from the 78th CS, which includes all associate units and wings. It will not affect base housing resi-

dents, who receive service from outside service providers, or other places on base, which draw their service from commercial providers, unless the commercial phone line is government provided.

The 78th Communications Squadron is the OPR on this mission, although they don’t set policy in the implementation, and they will be the action officers to make it happen.A detailed communication plan complete with a timeline will be developed and shared with Telephone Control Officers , leadership, and base personnel so all parties affected will fully understand planned actions and the VPS implementation schedule.

“We don’t want implementation without awareness, so we want to ensure there is plenty of leeway so folks have the opportunity to register their systems,” said Captain Hills. “With the soon to be implemented digital service coming, the need for protection is paramount.”

# Long-range plans key to winning anti-terror effort

**By Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AFPN) – Defense, offense and long-range actions characterize U.S. operations in the war on terror, Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said here Tuesday.

And while the first two are important, it is long-range actions that will ultimately help the U.S. win the war, he said.

Looking at defense, the U.S. cannot build walls high enough or armored enough to stop all terror attacks, General Myers said. It is also not something that U.S. citizens want to do, he said.

The U.S. military remains on the offensive – the second leg of the strategy – in Afghanistan, Iraq, Colombia, the Philippines and many other places worldwide. The U.S. is very successful at tracking down, killing and capturing extremists, General Myers said.

“The military can continue to kill terrorists forever, and we’ll get better at it,” he said. “But in the end, it’s not going to solve the problem.

“The problem is going to be solved by creating an environment where people aren’t inter-



**Gen. Richard B. Myers** is the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

ested in extremism, where they think they have a political opportunity, an economic opportunity and a better way forward for their families,” General Myers said. “That’s the secret.”

The U.S. and its allies have to create a world where “young people don’t want to join jihad,” he said.

This is much broader than the U.S. military alone, General Myers said. Calling the effort against terror a “war” does not capture the whole picture. Calling it a war leads people to believe that the military is the executive agent of choice. But in fact, he said, all aspects of national power must be used.

“Security is so much more than the military dimension,” General Myers said. “It’s so much more than people in uniform. It’s good government, it’s the rule of law, it’s an infrastructure that is developed enough to support economic growth, and it’s communications. All these have to occur simultaneously.”

The chairman said the U.S. armed forces were first required to work together through the Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986.

“Now we work together very well,” he said. “The trick is going to be working as closely with the other agencies in the government, as well as allied governments (and) nongovernmental agencies.

“The U.S. military can’t win this war alone,” General Myers said. “It’s impossible.”

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ground surveillance to support attack operations and targeting that contributes to the delay, disruption and destruction of enemy forces.

“While the production of the Joint STARS is coming to an end, its mission remains vital to the success of the warfighter, and we are committed to keeping the E-8C dominant for today and tomorrow’s battlefield through 2025 and beyond,” said David LaRochelle, director of the group.

The E-8C is a modified Boeing 707-300 series commercial aircraft with the radar, communications, operations and control subsystems required to perform its operational mission. The most prominent external feature is the 40-foot long, canoe-shaped radome under the aircraft that houses a 24-foot long antenna.

*Editor’s note: See next week’s Rev-Up for more coverage of the delivery of the 17th and final E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft to the 116th Air Control Wing.*



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Mary Smith

Officials of the 116th Air Control Wing received the 17th and final E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft March 23. The wing is the only unit to fly the aircraft.

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# 19th ARG coming and going



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, 19th Air Refueling Group members are welcomed home by Col. Jeff Kennedy, 19th ARG deputy commander, Tuesday. A total of 35 Airmen returned this week from a forward operating location where their mission was to launch aircraft in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Below, 1st Lt. Cathrine Marchesseault and 4-month-old son Jake welcome home Capt. Chad Marchesseault.



## Contractor airfield access will be limited beginning Monday

In an effort to improve airfield security, contractors will be required to be on an entry access list to gain airfield access beginning Monday.

Beginning April 18, contractors will be denied entry unless their contract specifically states a requirement for the use of vehicles to perform their work.

On June 1 the number of company-owned vehicles will be limited based on the type work and necessity of vehicles being used to perform contract requirements.

These vehicle limits will be coordinated with each contractor prior to taking effect and new contractor vehicle passes will be issued to indicate a vehicle is authorized airfield access.

If your company is not on the entry access list, contact your government contract monitor, contract quality assurance evaluator or agency hiring for your services.

Additional requirements for airfield access:

- The driver must possess a current AF Form 483, Certificate of Competency (flightline driver's license), or be escorted to and from job location by a qualified person.
  - The vehicle must be properly marked with the company's name or logo on both sides of the vehicle. These signs, with at least three inch lettering, will be painted on the vehicle or magnetic signs may be used. If removable type signs are used, they must remain on the vehicle while on the airfield.
  - The vehicle must also be used for only official functions of the company to deliver parts, tools, equipment, etc. and not solely for personnel transportation or parking on the airfield.
- If you have additional questions, have the government contract monitor or QAE contact Jim Anderson at jim.anderson@robins.af.mil or Jim Rhodes at jim.rhodes@robins.af.mil.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Jana Kennedy

Chaplain (Capt.) Erik Tisher led about 20 people in a special 'sunrise' Easter service Sunday on the flightline. The service gave troops and their spouses the opportunity to worship before deploying to the Middle East. The deployment was part of the group's normal rotation in support of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism.



# Encouraging individual excellence ensures focus on team goals

By Lt. Col. Scott Forest  
E-3A Aircrew Training Squadron commander

GEILENKIRCHEN NATO AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – We all know excellence is an important Air Force core value. We each are challenged to apply it daily in our actions, our attitudes and in our planning and decision making. All Airmen have a responsibility to encourage, recognize and deliver individual excellence.

Rewarding excellence encourages it, and there are many ways to reward it. When rewarding or recognizing individual excellence in our teammates, Airmen must use a variety of methods, match them to the circumstances and keep individual recognition in the right context.

As we finish the Air Force’s “season” of annual awards banquets and ceremonies, it is a good time to reflect on how each of us has encouraged and recognized excellence in our workplaces, our wingmen, our teammates, in our families and in ourselves.

Did we achieve our goals? Did we help each other to reward or recognize individuals who achieved excellence? Did I achieve excellence and acknowledge it in others? As I answered these ques-



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mike Meares

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – A search and recovery team methodically walks across a search area one step at a time looking for anything out of place during a training exercise here. The team is made up of at least 26 Airmen who strive to find anything out of place in the aftermath of an accident.

tions and others in reflecting on my successes and failures this past year, I remembered a situation in December of 2003 that reinforced some lessons about recognizing and rewarding individual excellence. I had taken command of a squadron with members from 13 nations

four months earlier and was surprised that I did not find a current or historical unit program to recognize outstanding performers. I set out to correct that.

To lay out a vision, I proposed to the international leadership in the squadron – sever-

al flight commanders, senior NCOs, and field grade officers – what I thought was a modest “crawl-walk-run” plan for nominating, selecting and rewarding outstanding performers. I was totally unprepared for their reaction. Not only did they not want

it, (“so much for consensus,” I thought) but they firmly asserted it would hurt the unit and be detrimental to good order, discipline and morale.

They had a completely different perspective than mine. They felt strongly that recognition of individual excellence took away from the team concept.

I, on the other hand, felt strongly that we would enhance and encourage team performance if individuals were striving for team goals and their performance was rewarded.

After good discussion, I asked for hands in favor of the program ... not even close. Only one went up. I relented.

I’m glad I did, because in this context they were right. Our squadron did not start and does not have an individual recognition program.

But, we developed encouragement that is more appropriate and more effective-based on the background and culture of our personnel. On a personal level, I did not consider that experience a failure, but I did re-learn some things.

First, there are many effective ways to promote individual excellence in ourselves and others. Leaders, supervisors and teammates need to use all of them in appropriate places

and times: a kind word, a handwritten note, a handshake or a formal write-up. Airmen and wingmen have a proud tradition of doing these things for each other.

Second, I realized I had been trained, immersed and coached in an Air Force culture that promoted and allowed recognition of individual excellence and team excellence; a culture in which the two were not mutually exclusive; and a culture in which rewarding it encourages it. I had taken this for granted, and now I agree with it and appreciate it even more.

Third, our pursuit of individual excellence must be aligned with our team’s pursuit of excellence. To benefit our country, we must pursue our core value of excellence just as strongly for our teams and institutions as we do for ourselves.

So as I send my mess dress to the dry cleaners to prepare for the next set of award ceremonies, I am reminded to keep individual excellence and recognition in its context, the team context.

We must encourage and reward individual excellence in formal and informal ways that keep us focused on the team goals. Our country deserves nothing less.

## Wingman Day serves as reminder for how to help take stress out of redeployment

By Gen. Don Cook  
Commander of Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – In December, we took a down-day to combat accidental deaths and suicides in the Air Force. However, Wingman Day was never intended to be a one-time “event.” Rather, it was a reminder to be good wingmen every day. The wingman concept extends to another issue we are confronting – reintegrating Airmen into “home station life.”

Very shortly, the Air Staff will release policy to assist commanders in effectively reintegrating Airmen after they return from deployments. As you may know from speaking with redeploying troops, their stress is real. Consider the Airmen performing the highly dangerous mission of convoy security or serving on critical care air transport teams for the seriously wounded. These courageous people have personally experienced the horrors of war, and they deserve the fullest support when they return home.

So with the arrival of the Air

Force policy, it will be up to all of us to turn this guidance into action. We need to take care of Airmen returning from the taxing challenges of a deployed environment. How can you help?

First, commanders, emphasize face-to-face contact with your redeploying troops – and set the example.

Second, have your Airmen take advantage of base agencies ready to support them and assist those struggling with reintegration.

Third, I ask you Airmen who have felt the hardships of reintegra-

tion to use your experience to coach and counsel those who have recently redeployed.

Fourth, first sergeants and supervisors should follow up. Research shows troops typically begin to manifest problems three to six months after they redeploy. Monitor this period closely to prevent challenges from becoming emergencies.

Finally, everyone, don’t forget about taking care of our families.

Reintegrating into family life after a deployment can be tough. I’ve been there. Often the only one who will know how an Airman and

his or her family members are coping with reintegration is the Airman’s co-worker or friend. Thus, every Airman must be a wingman. That is the culture of expeditionary-minded wingman!

And every day must be Wingman Day. We will lean heavily on this principle of airmanship as we answer our nation’s call to duty. We will be tested in the fire of expeditionary warfare abroad and the pressure of resource constraints at home – all the more reason to integrate a wingman mindset into everything we do.

### Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson  
Commander,  
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations...	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

### Civilian fitness program

I think authorized time for structured physical fitness activity is a great opportunity. This is the employer giving employees a chance to take care of their health. When will this program be available to employees? Will employees need to initiate a request sheet to their first line supervisor. Will it be an official form, and if so what is the form number?

**Commander’s reply:** Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for fitness initiatives at Robins. We are committed to focusing

our attention on programs that support our goal to sustain a safe, healthy, fit and ready work force. The WR-ALC Civilian Physical Fitness Integrated Product Team and our union partners are aggressively working to implement a number of fitness initiatives, including the use of duty time for structured physical fitness activity.

In reference to your question regarding an initiation sheet to your first line supervisor, a request form has been developed by Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command and AFGE Council 214. The form identifies the employee’s obligations for participation, requires a physician’s certification, and first level supervisory approval. This form will be available to the work force upon imple-

mentation of the program.

*Editor’s note: Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command and AFGE Council 214 recently entered into a Memorandum of Agreement allowing all appropriated fund Air Force civilians authorized time for structured physical fitness activity while in an official duty status. A copy of the AFMC Civilian Fitness Program MOA and participation request form may be accessed on the Robins homepage, under “Robins News”. Questions concerning the Civilian Fitness Leave Program may be addressed to your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-5802/0677.*

## Remember to slow down

There have been

95

speeding tickets issued  
calendar year to date.

### How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles =	3 points
11 - 15 miles =	4 points
16 - 20 miles =	5 points
21+ miles =	6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



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# Additional spaces intended to ease parking problems near Building 215

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The hunt for a parking space near Building 215 is about to get a little easier. About 150 parking spaces will be created in the next few months by adding five to six spaces to each row of parking southeast of Building 215. The area, known as “the lemon lot,” will be used to ease the lack of parking caused by the loss of nearly 200 spaces in early February, as part of an increase in anti-terrorism measures.

Terry Landreth, chief of the design branch of the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron’s Engineering Flight, said while parking is a growing problem at the base, the two civil engineering squadrons are working hard to find a resolution. “We’re adding back as many spaces as we can, with the idea that every little bit helps,” he said. “With the security force requirements that are applied to all new buildings, parking is going to continue to be an issue. We’re just going to do the best we can to make it as convenient as the rules permit.”

While the additional parking spots may not be as convenient as some would prefer, James Martin, 78th Civil Engineering Squadron chief of Civil Engineering Maintenance, said it’s the best solution the two squadrons could reach with the limited financial resources available. “This is an attempt to get



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

A motorist looks for a parking space at Building 215. The parking lot lost nearly 200 spaces in early February, as part of an increase in anti-terrorism measures.

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**TERRY LANDRETH**  
778th Civil Engineering Squadron design branch chief



parking spaces back for people,” he said. “The parking is definitely farther from Building 215 now. Although it may not be as much parking as they had before and may not be as convenient, it’s the best we can do right now.”

In addition to spaces added

for general parking, about 40 spaces were added to the north end and west side of Building 215 to meet reserved and other designated parking needs. Additional parking spaces have been created in an area one block south of Building 300 as well.

## What to know

Forty parking spaces have been created to the north and west of Building 215. About 150 spaces will be added to the area adjacent to Third Street.

## Changes to distribution of officer promotion orders effective today

Air Force Personnel Center

As part of the Air Force/DP “quick win” initiative reducing military personnel flight workload, the officer promotion order distribution process will change.

Beginning today, military personnel flights will no longer receive hard copies of officer promotion orders for distribution to members. Currently, once orders are published, a copy is sent to the automated records management system for permanent storage. A copy is also sent to the servicing military personnel flights for further dissemination to the officer. The orders are not filed in the unit personnel record group nor required for promotion since the orders are published after

the promotion effective date. Under the new procedures, only a copy of the orders for the automated records management system archiving will be sent. Officers desiring a copy of their promotion order will need to submit a request to the Air Force personnel contact center at the Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center Web Site, [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil), or by e-mail at [contact.center@randolph.af.mil](mailto:contact.center@randolph.af.mil). The contact center will process the request and forward an electronic copy to the officer. Officers should submit requests for copies 45 to 60 days after their promotion effective date. For more information, call DSN 665-2483 or [offpromo@randolph.af.mil](mailto:offpromo@randolph.af.mil).

## Troops deployed in combat areas get tax credit options

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Servicemembers receiving federal tax exemptions for some or all of their military pay may now elect to apply for certain tax credit options, the chief of the Armed Forces Tax Council said recently. Troops deployed to combat zones can now apply for tax refunds based on earned income tax credits, as well as additional child tax credits, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, the council’s executive director. The earned income credit, Colonel Fenton said, primarily involves lower-income filers with children. The additional child tax credit, she said, may provide refunds for children

younger than age 17. Servicemembers who want to apply for the credit refunds are required to fill out and file a federal tax return, she said. Enlisted troops serving in combat areas already have all of their military pay excluded from federal taxes, Colonel Fenton said, while officers in combat zones can exclude as much as \$6,529 of their monthly pay. Troops deployed to non-combat overseas areas have until June 15 to file their income taxes, she said. Troops serving in a combat zone, the colonel said, have up to 180 days to file their taxes after departing the area.

## GS employees may earn overtime, compensatory time for travel

Center Office of Personnel

General Schedule employees who have to travel outside their normal working hours to temporary duty stations may now be eligible to earn compensatory time for that travel. An interim federal regulation, effective Jan. 28, provides that compensatory time may be earned by an employee covered under the GS pay system for time spent in a travel status away from the employee’s official duty station when such time is not otherwise compensable. Employees covered under Federal Wage System, Non-appropriated Fund, or Senior Executive Service rules are not currently eligible to receive compensatory time-off for travel.

This means that compensatory time may now be accrued for time spent in route to or returning from TDY. The usual pre-departure or connecting flight wait and travel in-route are creditable. Compensatory time earned while in a travel status must be used within 26 pay periods or it will be forfeited, with no further right to entitlement. By law it may not be converted to

overtime pay. The only exceptions to forfeiture following the 26th pay period would be when an employee returns to duty from being separated or placed in a leave without pay status to perform service in the uniformed services under 38 USC 4303 and 5 CFR 353.102; or when an employee returns to duty from being separated or placed in a LWOP status due to an on-the-job injury with entitlement to injury compensation under 5 USC Chapter 81. Compensatory time earned for travel doesn’t negate or replace an employee’s entitlement to earn overtime pay for travel. Whether employees are covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (non-exempt) or Title 5, United States Code (exempt) must be verified in determining their entitlement to overtime pay for travel. To determine if an employee is entitled to mandatory overtime pay for travel under Title 5, time spent traveling outside regular working hours is only considered hours of work if the travel:

- Involves the performance of actual work while traveling.
- Is incident to travel that

## Exclusions

There are travel periods excluded under this provision:

- meal periods during wait time.
- extended wait time outside the employee’s regular working hours (for rest, sleep or conducting personal business).
- normal home to work/work to home travel time when an employee travels from home to temporary duty station/from temporary duty station to home.

involves the performance of work while traveling.

- Is carried out under arduous conditions.
- Results from an event which could not be scheduled or controlled administratively by an agency of the Executive Branch, such as the Air Force.
- Results from unforeseen circumstances or from an event which is scheduled or controlled by someone or some organization outside of the federal government.

To determine if an employee is entitled to mandatory overtime pay for travel under the FLSA, time spent traveling out-

side regular working hours is considered hours of work if the employee:

- Performs work while traveling.
- Travels as a passenger to a temporary duty station and returns the same day.
- Travels as a passenger on a non-workday during the hours which correspond to regular working hours.

Currently, the civilian payroll system cannot accommodate the earning or use of compensatory time for travel; the payroll system is expected to be configured to accept new codes by mid-June. Until then, supervisors will be responsible for manually tracking their employees’ accrual and use of compensatory time earned while in an official travel status. This includes any compensatory time earned while in a travel status on or after Jan. 28, and the use of this compensatory time. Retroactive adjustments will be made to the payroll system once the system has been modified to accept the new codes. If you have any questions, contact your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-5802/0677.



# Robins helps Airman’s family join her enlistment from miles away

**By Holly L. Birchfield**  
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For Erica James, joining the Air Force and having her family at the official swearing in ceremony from thousands of miles away was a moment she won’t soon forget.

The 19 year old, who was located at Scofield Barricks Army Post, Hawaii, was sworn in by her mother, Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Tammy Rose, who is currently deployed to Iraq, via a three-way video teleconference at Robins March 22.

Ms. James, whose family members have served in nearly every branch of the Armed Forces, said having her family take part in the life-changing experience was special.

“If I hadn’t had my mom do this for me, it wouldn’t mean as much to me,” she said. “Having my family included in the ceremony added a little southern hospitality to the occasion.”

Pearlina Lockett, Ms. James’ grandmother, who was located at Robins, was just as excited about the occasion.

“I loved it,” she said. “I wanted to cry. It was so beautiful. I was at my daughter’s swearing in, and at that time I had Erica in my arms. Now, Erica is the one being sworn in and I’m very excited to be able to be a part of it.”

Ms. Lockett sang the Lord’s Prayer to honor her granddaughter during the 45-minute VTC.

Ms. James’ mother said she is proud that her daughter is following in her footsteps.

“She has goals and going into the Air Force is going to help her reach those goals,” she said.

Robert Tharp, who coordinated the event at the Air Force



Above, Pearlina Lockett, foreground, had the opportunity to watch her daughter Army Chief Warrant Officer Tammy Rose, who is in Iraq, swear in her granddaughter Erica James, who is in Hawaii, into the Air Force. Below, Ms. James, right, gets sworn in by her mother.



level, said the VTC gave the Air Force a chance to help the families connect.

“I think it was a unique opportunity,” said the program manager for the Air Force Reserve Command Video Teleconference Center. “We have video teleconferences all

over the world. But to do it for a family that is separated like this is special and provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for families to see their children and grandchildren join the service.”

Mr. Tharp, who worked with VTC professionals from

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

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**ROBERT THARP**  
AFRC Video Teleconference Center program manager

Iraq and Hawaii prior to the event to ensure its success, said the experience proved the same technology used to conduct business conferences around the world can be used to bring families together from thousands of miles away.

## REPAIR

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eight hours a day, repairing and replacing motors on the aircraft’s right wing and making temporary and permanent repairs to the plane’s internal and external structure and components.

“It took a team effort to repair this aircraft,” Tech. Sgt. Myron Addison, 653rd CLSS team chief for the Minnesota Crash Recovery Team, said. “We worked together to get the aircraft ready for a one-time flight to Robins for its permanent repair, making it fully mission-capable.”

Tech. Sgt. Adam Kuenkel, 653rd CLSS aircraft structural maintenance craftsman, said while repair efforts were challenging, the team’s resourceful approach and coordination with the Center helped get the plane ready to undergo further permanent repair at Robins.

“Most of the parts that were damaged aren’t normally damaged in accidents; so parts weren’t readily available,” he said. “We had to make some of them ourselves, using whatever materials we could order, as fast as we could, and we relied on the Center at Robins to have parts made.”

The sergeant said despite the obstacles, the project was a worthwhile mission.

“Every aspect of our training was used on this project,” he said. “This is the best thing I’ve done since I’ve been in this squadron. This is why I came to this unit.”

Tech. Sgt. Eric Williams, an aircraft fuel systems craftsman with the squadron, said the project gave him a chance to expand his skills.

### What to know

Seventeen Airmen from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron spent four months repairing a C-130 Hercules damaged when landing gear failed during a landing approach at the Minneapolis- St. Paul, Minn., Air National Guard base in May.

“There was a lot of cross utilization of our skills,” he said. “I went outside of my particular expertise and helped crew chiefs and sheet metal folks get this plane operational. It was great.”

And for Tech. Sgt. Robert Acker, 653rd CLSS C-130 crew chief, it offered the chance to learn.

“It was my first trip out with the squadron,” he said. “It was a huge learning experience. It gave me a chance to learn how these kind of repairs work, and I learned a little more about sheet metal repair.”

After months of work, Sergeant Williams said it was an exhilarating feeling to see the C-130 take flight.

“It was awesome to see it fly again, after a year,” he said. “We all worked as a team to get this accomplished. It’s a good feeling.”

Lt. Col. Paul Wood, 653rd CLSS commander, said his troops’ efforts in the project are a testament to their talents.

“The team faced a daunting challenge, getting the aircraft flyable, so we could affect permanent repairs at Robins,” he said. “Just looking at the repairs necessary for the one-time flight reaffirms my faith that these troops can fix just about anything.”

Col. Greg Haase, commander of the 133rd Maintenance Group

at the Minnesota air national guard base, said he appreciates the group’s hard work.

“It was a pleasure and an honor to have such a professional force occupy part of our facility here and work in such a diligent and efficient manner to correct an aircraft problem,” he said. “We’ve reached a point where the total force has been exemplified as a complete working unit – and it was very gratifying to see that in action, where guardsmen and active duty work side-by-side in a unified effort to correct a deficiency on an aircraft.”

The C-130 aircraft is currently undergoing further permanent repairs at Robins and will return to the Minnesota guard base in the near future.

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<b>Building 624</b> Bill Stevens, MAI, 926-6976, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	
<b>Building 300</b> Tony Gainous, IT, 926- 3218, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.	
<b>Buildings 207 and 700</b> 1st Lt. T. Turner, 78th MDSS, 327-8201, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
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# gator challenge

The 5th Combat Communications Group competition between units tests communication technical skills, physical fitness and agility



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp  
Maj. Darryl Neal, 51st Combat Communications Squadron commander, makes his way through the low crawl obstacle, which was part of the 5th CCG's Gator Challenge March 14-25. Members from the 3rd Combat Communications Group from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., served as judges for the challenge. The 54th Combat Communications Squadron was the overall winner.



Far left, Senior Airman Brian Castello and Senior Airman Shawn Bjorgaard sight in a support radio.  
  
Left, Col. John Lent, 5th CCG commander, watches as Mob members go through the obstacle course.  
  
Below, members of the 5th Mob climb a cargo net during the obstacle course.



Above, Senior Airman Jonas Brooks completes a ruck sack run.



Right, Airman 1st Class Spencer Johnson and Senior Airman David Oldenhouse swing on a rope obstacle.





SERVICES BRIEFS

**Aero Club**  
An aero club open house will be held April 9 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Guests will enjoy free hamburgers and hot dogs, free simulator time and discovery flights for \$49. The open house is open to the entire Robins community, including active duty, reserve and retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

Private pilot ground school registration will be held April 25 - May 2 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School starts May 2 at 5:30 p.m. One-hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$340 for tuition and \$235 for books and flight bag and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45-50-hour course, lasting about six weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 926-4867 and register soon because classroom seating is limited.

**Auto Skills Center**  
The Auto Skills Center safety and orientation classes are now held every Saturday at 11 a.m. Safety classes will continue to be held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Safety and orientation class participants will receive a graduation coupon to redeem for half off on the oil change lift, (number 3 stall). The oil change lift, stall number 3 fees, will be half off Wednesdays - Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. The Auto Skills Center is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, from noon - 9 p.m.; Fridays noon to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is open to all active duty, reserve and retired military and their family members and DoD civilians serving Robins.

**Child Development Centers East and West**  
In recognition of the month of the young child, the Children’s Health Fair will be held today from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. Booths with information on kid-friendly equipment, nutrition, substance abuse, drug and crime prevention, dental care, Tricare and other children’s health issues will be available.

Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care is available today from 6:30 - 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following person has been approved as a participant in the leave transfer program.  
**Frank Monroe/WR-ALC/LUMP.**

East and School Age Program. An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by the prior Monday for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information, call 926-5805.

**Club membership**  
You could win a \$500 or \$1,000 vacation travel voucher to help finance your next vacation when you join the Robins Aero Club, Enlisted Club, Officers’ Club, or become an annual green fee player at Pine Oaks Golf Course now through April 30 during the “Members Wanted – It’s Where You Want to Bel!” club drive.  
Current club members have a chance of winning these prizes too. The aero club, enlisted club, officers’ club and the golf course are open to all Department of Defense employees serving Robins, as well as active duty, Reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians. All new club members will receive a coupon booklet valued at more than \$100 to include free steak dinner, free bowling and golf, discounts at equipment rental and more. For more information, call the officers’ club at 926-2670, the enlisted club at 926-4515, the aero club at 926-4867 or the golf course at 926-4103.

**Civilian Recreation**  
Everyone is invited to play Bunco at the Smith Community Center April 18 at 6 p.m.

**Enlisted Club**  
A Members First Plus brunch will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost is free to members and their children ages 5 and younger, \$5.95 for children ages 6-12, \$8.95 for ages 13 and older and guests and \$11.95 for non-members.

A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held April 10 and 24 with practice and warm-up sessions from 2 - 2:45 p.m., sign-ups start at 2:45 p.m. and games start at 3 p.m. Prizes to be given to the winners of the first round session and first through eighth places of the final round. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 mem-

bers and \$10 nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club.

**Information, Tickets and Travel**  
Wild Adventure season passes are available for \$60 and includes general admission to concerts. Parking passes are also available for \$22. Upcoming concerts are Charlie Daniels and Trick Pony, Saturday; Ryan Cabrera, April 16; and Swithfoot, April 30.

A Georgia Renaissance Festival will be held April 16 - June 5 in Fairburn, Ga. ITT has tickets for \$14 for adults and \$6 for children 6-12 years old.

Champions On Ice will be held April 17 at 3 p.m. at Philips Arena, Atlanta. ITT has tickets for \$25 and \$41.

ITT has a limited supply of tickets for the May 1 NASCAR Aaron’s 499 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Talladega, Ala. Tickets are \$55 for the Gadsden section for the Sunday race only.

**Officers’ Club**  
Join the fun at Boss N’ Buddy night April 13 at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes trivia games, prizes and appetizers.

A Monte Carlo night is slated for April 16 from 7 - 11 p.m. Enjoy free heavy hors d’oeuvres, \$300 in poker money and two free beverage tickets. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

**Pizza Depot**  
April is traditionally known as the month of the child and each week in April Pizza Depot will hold a drawing in celebration of families and children.  
Today - Thursday, enter for a chance to win a digital camera, with the drawing April 8.  
April 9 - 14, enter for a chance to win a family pack consisting of a large two-topping pizza, an order of wings and breadsticks, with the drawing April 15.  
April 16 - 21, enter for a chance to win a children’s art easel, with the drawing April 22.  
April 23 - 28, enter for a chance to win a Picnic Package consisting of a cooler, folding chair, beach ball, beach

towel and more, with the drawing April 29.  
Pizza Depot customers may receive an entry form with a minimum purchase of \$4. No limit to the number of entry forms entered. Entry forms will not carry over to the following week’s drawing. No purchase is necessary for customers who fill out an index card with contact information and deliver it to Marketing and Publicity, 755 Warner Robins Street, Robins AFB GA 31098-1469 one day prior to the drawings. For more information, call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

**Services Marketing**  
Subscribe to the new Services Cutting Edge electronic newsletter by going to [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) and clicking on the subscribe icon at the top of the home page. From there click on the Services newsletter link and complete the questionnaire. Subscribe to the overall Services newsletter and receive all information or only those activities that are of interest to you - the choice is yours.

**Smith Community Center**  
Starting April 12, an eight-week guitar class will meet Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 and students need to provide an instrument. Registration will be held until April 8.

Scrapbooking classes will be held April 9, May 14, June 11 and July 9 from noon - 6 p.m. at the community center.

Let’s Give The World A Hand, slated for April 15, will be a 3-C event featuring projects such as Adopt-a-Yard, Pick-a-Park and Love and Lake. Units may also submit a community service project of their own as part of the 3C challenge with projects benefiting Robins or the Warner Robins community. The community center will be the hub of this all day event, providing equipment and support. All participating units will receive 15 3C pogs. Units must be registered with their projects by April 12. For more information, call 926-2105.

The 15th annual Military Team Bass Fishing tournament will be held May 1 - 6 at Lake Eufaula, Ala. Cost is \$160 per team. For more information, visit [www.militarybass.com](http://www.militarybass.com).

MOVIE SCHEDULE

*Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.*  
**Today 7:30 p.m. – Hitch – Will Smith and Eva Mendes**  
Alex is a “date doctor” who claims to be able to find customers their perfect romantic match in three dates or less. *Rated PG-13 (language and some strong sexual references) 115 minutes*

**Saturday 2 p.m. – Sahara – Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn and Penelope Cruz**  
*Free passes are available at any AAFES food outlets and checkout counters today.*  
Master explorer Dirk Pitt takes on the adventure of his life when he embarks on a treasure hunt through some of the most dangerous regions of West Africa. *Rated PG-13 (action violence and adult themes)*  
**7:30 p.m. – Constantine – Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz**  
Renegade occultist John Constantine has literally been to hell and back. He teams up with skeptical policewoman Angela Dodson to solve the mysterious suicide of her twin sister. *Rated R (violence and demonic images) 121 minutes*

**Sunday 2 p.m. – Because of Winn Dixie – Jeff Daniels and Cicely Tyson**  
A 10-year-old girl, abandoned by her mother when she was three, moves to a small town in Florida with her father, a preacher. *Rated PG (thematic elements and brief mild language) 106 minutes*

**COMING SOON**  
April 8 – **Man of the House** – Tommy Lee Jones and Cedric the Entertainer  
April 9 – **The Pacifer** – Vin Diesel and Brad Garrett  
April 15 – **Million Dollar Baby** – Clint Eastwood and Hilary Swank  
April 16 – **Be Cool** – John Travolta and Uma Thurman

CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic**  
Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
**Islamic**  
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.  
**Jewish**  
Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.  
**Orthodox Christian**  
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.  
**Protestant**

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.  
*The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.*

SPORTS BRIEFS

**Bowling Center**  
Celebrate the new baseball season with a home run deal Saturday and Sunday. Cost is \$7.50 per person and includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, hot dog, chips and large drink.

A youth bowlers barbecue, to raise funds for entry fees to the state tournament, is scheduled for April 8 from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A scotch doubles competition is slated for April 9 at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

**Fitness Center**  
A pregnancy and exercise seminar will be held April 13 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Health and Wellness Center. Register at the fitness center.

Everyone is welcome to the Chief’s run to be held April 15 at 11 a.m. to benefit the Chief’s Scholarship Fund. Pledge sheets are available at the front desk of the fitness center.

**Golf Course**  
During April, golfers will save money when they

pay their annual green fees in advance. Family, senior and junior plans are available as well as monthly payment plans.

An after school junior golf academy will be held April 5 - 7 for ages 13 - 17 year olds; April 19 - 21 for ages seven - nine year olds and April 26 - 28 for ages 10 - 12 year olds. Cost is \$45 and will be held from 4 - 5:15 p.m. Register at the pro shop.

**Golf tournaments**  
Environmental Management and Society of American Military Engineers are hosting the 2005 Earth Day Golf Tournament. It will be held at Pine Oaks Golf Course April 21. Format is four-person scramble with shotgun start at noon. Play will be from best ball. Come out and enjoy a day on the greens. Cost is \$45 per person (covers lunch, goody bag, green fees, cart, range balls, beverages and prizes). To register, contact Ken Wharam at 926-5794 or Steve Smith at 926-1197 extension 142.

The Middle Georgia Logistics Officer Association golf tournament will be April 29 at the Pine Oaks Golf Course. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. Cost is \$40 per

person and includes green fee, lunch and range balls. There will be a best ball tourney with prizes for the top three teams and longest drive/closest pin. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1. Three feet of “short put” string will be available for \$3, with a limit of one per player. There will also be mulligans for sale for \$2 each or three for \$5, with a limit of three per player. For more information, contact Capt. John Nolan at 926-7615 or Capt. Jeremiah McBride at 926-4711.

The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. will host its second annual golf tournament April 30. The tournament will be held at the Waterford Golf Course, with check in at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. There will be a shotgun start at 2 p.m. The purpose of the tournament is to raise funds for our Flight of Eagles program, which provides advance training for seventh and eight graders in math and science. Funds will also be allocated for the provision of financial assistance to qualified graduating high school seniors from Middle Georgia schools. For more information, contact T.J.Bradford at 329-9935 or Jeanette McElhaney at 397-0212.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

**Job fair**  
The FSC and Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair May 20, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers are expected to attend. The fair is open to veterans, Team Robins members, eligible family members, and the Middle Georgia community.

**Car care program**  
The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, (\$20 value), chassis lubrication and a safety inspection. Certificates are issued to the spouse

at the Family Support Center after verification of the member’s remote tour, TDY/deployment. To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member’s orders by the FSC.

**Relocation assistance**  
Relocation Assistance at the FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for check-out. A Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES) that has information on all military installations worldwide is also available. For more information, contact Relocation Assistance at 926-3453.

**Pre-deployment briefings**  
Pre-deployment briefings are offered twice weekly by the FSC readiness team. Briefings are conducted at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

**Career focus**  
Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilians to identify skills and interest, plan careers and improve job search skills, and increase. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 926-1256.



## ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

*To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil) by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.*

### Orderly room closed

The orderly room will be closed today from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Med Group hours

The 78th Medical Group will be minimally manned from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. today for a group function. Regular business hours will resume Monday. Normal weekend clinic will be held Saturday.

### Golf tournament

There will be an American Red Cross golf tournament April 8 at the Landings Golf Club, 309 Stathams Way, Warner Robins. The event will be a four-man scramble. Lunch is at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 per player or \$200 per team and includes green fee, tournament payoff prizes, range balls and lunch. Proper dress is required and soft spikes only. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Diamond at 222-0116 or the club at 923-5222.

### Elementary school registration

Kindergarten and preschool registration will be held April 13 at Robins Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents of children who will be attending kindergarten and the half-day 4-year-old program in the 2005-2006 school year should plan to attend. All kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. All preschool students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1. All children attending Robins Elementary School must reside on federal property in permanent military family housing. For both registrations, parents should bring the child's birth certificate, Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3231 certificate of immunization from the base hospital or local health department, and certificate of ear, eye and dental examination from the base hospital. If the certificate of immunization or the certificate of ear, eye and dental examination is not available, parents can register their children and present the documents before school starts in August. All documents are required before school begins.

### AFA awards luncheon

The Carl Vinson Chapter of the Air Force Association will host its annual awards luncheon April 14 to recognize outstanding military and civilian performers in 25 different categories. Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will assist AFA officials in presenting the awards. The luncheon will be held at the Officers' Club and will begin at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend to help recognize Team Robins' best. Cost is \$13. To make reservations for the luncheon, contact Danielle Cousins at 926-5434 or Angela Burks at 926-5462.

### Historic Forest Ceremony

Environmental Management will host the Historic Forest Ceremony April 22 at 9 a.m. at the Parade Field. If an individual or organization would like to memorialize, contact Marilyn DeMetrick at 926-1197 extension 174. Trees need to be ordered no later than April 8.

### Scholarship, leadership development award

The Carl Vinson Chapter of the Air Force Association is now accepting applications for the Sherrill Stafford Leadership Development Award and Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship can be used to defray education expenses as well as tuition. The deadline for applications is May 1. All interested applicants should contact the Base Education Office at 327-7325.

### Camellia Gardens Memorial Service

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins will take place May 26 at 10 a.m. in the garden across from the Officers' Club. Diane Gross, project officer, will accept submissions for people to be memorialized this year until April 22. Honorees can be civilian or military members. For information about the ceremony or how to honor someone, contact Ms. Gross at 926-6203 or [diane.gross@robins.af.mil](mailto:diane.gross@robins.af.mil)

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### Youth team co-leader

The Houston Middle Georgia American Red Cross needs a co-leader for the youth team. Qualifications are mature, responsible and available in afternoons and evenings. If you are this person, call Vicki Coulter at 923-6332 at the American Red Cross.

### OSC Thrift Shop

The Officers' Spouses Club Thrift Shop is accepting resumes now through April for

two paid positions for fall 2005- spring 2006.

The positions are:  
**Bookkeeper:** The bookkeeper is responsible for writing all checks for the shop. He/she issues monthly consignment checks, pays Thrift Shop expenses, and prepares a monthly budget for submission to the OSC Board.  
**Cleaning service:** The cleaner is responsible for basic cleaning of the Thrift Shop on the days prior to its opening. Cleaning duties includes vacuuming, sweeping, mopping and

dusting.  
Resumes may be delivered to the Thrift Shop on Wednesdays or Fridays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or to the OSC mailbox inside the Officers' Club. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 923-1686.

### Tax center

The tax center is open on a walk-in basis Monday through Thursday. Sign up begins at 11:30 a.m. The tax center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. For

further information, call 926-2391/2635.

### Palace Chase/Palace Front Briefing

There will be a Palace Chase Force Shaping briefing the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in Building 905, Room 240. The Palace Chase program is an early release program which allows active duty Air Force officers and enlisted to request to transfer from active military service to an Air Reserve Component. For more information, call 327-7367.



# Staff sergeant wins Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship



U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Palmer  
Brig. Gen. Tom Lynn, 116th Air Control Wing commander, congratulates Staff Sgt. Andrew Poe on winning the 2005 Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship.

**By Holly L. Birchfield**  
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Staff Sgt. Andrew Poe had always hoped to become a pilot some day – and now that dream is closer within his reach.

Sergeant Poe, an instructor Airborne Communications System technician with the 128 Airborne Command and Control Squadron’s Standardization and Evaluation Branch, was named the winner of the 2005 Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship, during a ceremony held at the Officers’ Club Tuesday.

The scholarship, established in 1988 by the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee to honor the former Center commander, is an honor that the retired general said invests in

## What to know

The Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship was established in 1988 by the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee to honor the general, who served as Center commander from 1982 - 1988. The scholarship, awarded each year to a well-rounded civilian or military student enrolled in an on-base degree program.

one of Robins’ most valuable assets – its people.

“This is an investment in the educational futures of the civilian and military members of Robins,” he said. “It’s just a small way to help people at Robins further their education.”

The 22-year-old sergeant,

who is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in professional aeronautics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s local campus, said the \$750 scholarship will take some of the financial burden of higher education off of his shoulders.

“It’s an honor to be selected for this scholarship,” he said. “It’s going to help me further my education, by helping me pay for books and tuition and help me to continue to grow and excel, as I strive toward new heights in my Air Force career.”

While Sergeant Poe, who has earned numerous service medals and other awards during his Air Force career, said the honor was unexpected, it came as no surprise to those who have worked alongside him during

his four-year tour at Robins.

“We’re very proud of him,” Lt. Col. Joe Schmidt, commander of the 128th ACCS, said. “He’s a great aviator in the squadron and always has a great attitude. We’re very appreciative of the efforts to let him pursue his education.”

Chief Master Sgt. Randal Money, superintendent for the 128th ACCS, agreed.

“I have been deployed with him in the desert a couple of times,” he said. “He’s outstanding, whether he’s over there with us or he goes to school. To me, it was a given that he won the (scholarship).”

Sergeant Poe expects to complete his degree in February 2006 and plans to earn his private pilot’s certification in the near future.

## Bataan Death March survivor speaks to Officers’ Spouses Club

**By Lanorris Askew**  
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Luther Avery Oakes experienced more fear and saw more abuse, death and dying in three years than most people will see their entire lives. He shared the unforgettable sights and sounds of three years and four months as a World War II prisoner of war with members of the Robins Officers’ Spouses Club and their guests March 17.

Mr. Oakes, known lovingly to friends and family as “L.A.,” was only 25 years old when he found himself at the tail end of the infamous Bataan Death March.

“I didn’t suffer like a lot of the others at the front of the march did,” he said. “You see, I was a cook at a motor pool when we were surrendered,



**Luther Avery Oakes** spoke to the OSC about his experience as a POW during WWII.

and I was on the rear part of Bataan (Philippines) among the last thousand or two who went out.”

Mr. Oakes said he guesses the Japanese had taken out a large part of their vengeance on the first thousands in the march leaving him fortunate enough to not endure as much of the torture.

Although he didn’t see as much of the horror inflicted by his captors as some other survivors, what he did see and experience is now a part of him forever.

“I remember it all like it was yesterday,” he said in an interview before his speech.

“I saw bodies left in the road, men with rifles pointed at their heads and dead animals floating in what we had to use as drinking water.”

Living on a near starvation diet of rice for days before the surrender, the troops were already weakened and frail.

“They treated us like dogs,” he said. “Those were some mean people. Some of us were so bad they couldn’t go on – we don’t know what happened to them.”

With fear being his guiding emotion for

the first few months after his capture, Mr. Oakes said what got him through his ordeal was faith and determination.

The 89-year-old veteran lost his first sweetheart, a couple of pounds and a few years away from home, but he never lost his love of his country.

He said he recalls seeing men marched to their deaths with the last words from their lips being “God Bless America.”

“When they would yell it, we would yell it right back at them,” he said. “I knew the day would come if I didn’t get killed that one way or another I would get out of there because they had jumped on the wrong country when they jumped on the United States. That’s what kept my courage up.”

Although the former quartermaster said he knows his words can never paint a clear picture of the atrocities he witnessed and the torture he endured, Mr. Oakes said he hopes his short time with the OSC will enlighten them just a little.

“I want to a give message that will give them some small idea of what prisoners of war went through,” he said.

## ‘Families First’ aims to improve moving process

**By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Full replacement value for lost or damaged items is among several changes taking effect in October as part of a new program called “Families First” which aims to improve the moving process for military families.

“We’re going to have a lot of happier campers because they are not going to be losing any money out of their pockets like they did before,” said Cullen Hutchinson of the passenger and personal property office at the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Alexandria, Va.

Under the current claims process, servicemembers only receive a depreciated value for property that is lost or damaged, he said.

For example, a \$200 television that is lost or damaged might only be valued at \$100 after depreciation, he said.

With Families First, he said, “the carrier will either replace the television with a similar one or reimburse the servicemember the full cost of a new one.”

Another benefit of the program is that servicemembers will now deal directly with the carrier to arrange direct delivery of household goods, thus alleviating the need for temporary storage, he said.

“What makes this even better for the servicemembers is that whenever you have temporary storage (and) more handling of your household goods, the more susceptible it is for loss or damage,” Mr. Hutchinson said.

He said direct delivery will also save the services money now spent for temporary storage.

In Families First, servicemembers will file settlement claims directly with the carrier, using a Web-based claim-filing process.

“There will not be a middle man; the servicemember will be able to address the carrier directly on the issue (he or she

has),” he said. “And the carrier will have an incentive to take care of that servicemember in a positive way.”

Mr. Hutchinson said servicemembers will be encouraged to complete a Web-based customer satisfaction survey that measures the performance of carriers, and that survey will become part of that carrier’s record.

“If the carrier’s performance is poor, then the amount of business he’s going to get from the government is going to fall off or stop completely,” he said. “So there is an incentive there. It’s no longer a competition on cost, but it’s a competition now with cost and performance.”

The survey gives servicemembers a chance to influence decisions on whether a carrier continues to do business with the Defense Department, Mr. Hutchinson said.

He said efforts like Families First should help improve the quality of service in the military moving industry that carries household goods of more than 500,000 servicemembers and their families each year.

He said problems in the moving industry have plagued the services for years, and that efforts to improve the moving process have been ongoing since 1994, starting with re-engineering of the household goods process.

“The perceptions were that DoD was experiencing a very high loss and damage rate,” Mr. Hutchinson said. “When we looked at the numbers, it was significantly higher than some of the corporate accounts.”

In addition, he said, claim rates also were higher for military moves. While average military claims ranged around \$500, he said many corporate claims were in the range of \$100.

In the end, he said, DoD officials expect to see a “considerable decrease in loss and damage claims.”

Mr. Hutchinson said the program also should ease some of the stress involved with moving.

## MUSEUM OF AVIATION EVENTS

Museum of Aviation and the Foundation will host the **Southern Wings Art Show**. The show will feature the talents of aviation artists Jim Balletto, Wade Meyers, Marc Stewart and Russell Smith. The artwork will remain on display in the Museum of Aviation’s Art Gallery until May 10. The Art Gallery is located on the second floor of the Eagle Building.

Museum of Aviation Foundation sponsors an **annual golf scramble to celebrate the birthday of retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott Jr.**, Macon’s WW II ace and author of “God is My Co-pilot.” The tournament, to be held April 8, will be played at Barrington Hall Golf Course in Macon with an evening birthday celebration at the clubhouse. The

tournament fee includes one round of golf with cart, lunch and dinner and commemorative gift. For more information, contact June Lowe or Mary Lynn Harrison at 923-6600.

Museum of Aviation will present its monthly **Hangar Talk** with the film “**The Rocketeer**” April 22 at 10 a.m. in the VistaScope Theater, correlating with the month’s theme National Heroes Month. The VistaScope Theater is located on the first floor of the Eagle Building. The movie is set during the 1930s in Hollywood, and tells the story of a young pilot and his mentor friend who find a rocket pack. After figuring out how to use it, the pilot becomes a hero, sought after by newspapers, Howard Hughes, the FBI, the Mob and the Nazis.

Hangar Talks are free and

open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served. This movie is rated PG. For more information, contact Heather Fasciocco at 926-6870 or visit [www.museumofaviation.org](http://www.museumofaviation.org)

The **Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame** will hold its annual **gala banquet** April 23. The banquet is held each year to install new members into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, which recognizes men and women who have made outstanding contributions toward aviation. For more information or gala tickets, contact Vanessa Hartigan-Haun at 328-0704.

The Museum of Aviation will be a part of the **Smithsonian Magazine’s Museum Day** April 30. Smithsonian Magazine’s Museum Day is a national pro-

gram that kicks off the magazine’s 35th anniversary by sponsoring free admission to select museum and cultural venues nationwide for 7 million Smithsonian readers and friends.

Museum of Aviation will present its monthly **Hangar Talk** with the film “**Wings of Eagles**” May 27 at 10 a.m. in the VistaScope Theater, correlating with the month’s theme National Military Appreciation Month. The VistaScope Theater is located on the first floor of the Eagle Building. The movie is a biopic directed by John Ford and stars John Wayne as Frank “Spig” Wead and Maureen O’Hara. Mr. Wead was a decorated naval hero who went on to become a screenwriter and accomplished author despite becoming paralyzed from an accidental fall.

## RETIREMENTS

<i>As of March 7</i>		
Betty A. Allen	Barbara P. Goodwin	Charles L. Reed
Carolyn S. (Jean) Brooks	Edward W. Graham Jr.	William R. Sheppard
L. Faye Burton	Annette H. Hall	Nancy E. Smith
Winton D. Cannington	Sheila Joines	Evelyn Sylvester
Carl C. Coxsey Jr.	Eddie D. May	Marion C. Turner
Ron Dailey	Pauline McCormack	Grady A. Walton Jr.
	William N. Miles Sr.	Herman Webb Sr.
	Walter B. Perry	



# Winners’ circle



Courtesy photos

The Fitness Center hosted its post-season Double Elimination Basketball Tournament March 7-11. After a week of strong competition the 5th Combat Communications Group - No. 1, defeated WR-ALC, 45-32, to take home the championship trophy. Members of the 5th Mob 2005 Intramural Basketball Champions are shown above.



The mother-son combo of Sheila and David Burke took first place in the Family Disc Golf Competition March 19 with a score of 37. The member with the best score for each hole was registered as the team score for that hole.



The Fitness Center hosted its second annual Winter Sports Day March 11. Fourteen squadrons and 240 participants enjoyed events like racquetball, 3-on-3 basketball and volleyball. 78th Air Base Wing Vice Commander Col. Bruce Curry presents the overall championship trophy to members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

# Civilian Health Promotion Service helps civilians keep tabs on health

By Holly L. Birchfield  
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Civilian Health Promotion Service workers are bringing the importance of health to the forefront by bringing health checks to the workplace.

The ongoing test program, funded by Air Force Materiel Command, recently began making blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose tests, as well as height and weight checks, available to Defense Department and appropriated-fund civilians at 10 AFMC bases.

Lynn Oakes, a nurse coordinator and nurse educator, said the voluntary program gives employees a chance to check their health, without leaving their offices or paying a doctor’s bill.

“Usually, during the first meeting, we come in and do a glucose and cholesterol screening,” she said. “We also check their height, weight and blood pressure. We then calculate their Body Mass Index to give them an idea about their ideal weight based on their height.”

Mrs. Oakes said health fair statistics showed that 45 percent of those who underwent blood pressure screenings at recent health fairs on base suffered from high blood pressure.

“You need to be responsible for your health,” she said. “This is a great opportunity to get a basic screening of your health and learn about education classes to better yourself. This allows participants in the program to take an active role in their health.”

Sandra Murphy, a 330th Fighter Sustainment Group



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Sandra Murphy gets her cholesterol and glucose checked by Diane Frazetta, Civilian Health Promotion Service nurse educator, March 7.

administrative assistant, learned about the program at a recent commander’s call.

“Any time we have a chance to improve ourselves in any way, we need to take the opportunity,” the 48-year-old mother of two said. “I’ve been amazed with the response in our organization so far. Everybody is so excited about it.”

Ms. Murphy was one of about 70 co-workers who were first to participate in the program here.

Nurses and a medical technician provide test results to participants within a week of screenings. Civilians can attend classes on stress prevention, nutrition, weight management, cardiovascular disease prevention and

tobacco cessation, during the Lunch and Learn program, in Building 207 or online.

The program is part of AFMC Commander Gen. Gregory Martin’s initiative to create a safe, healthy and fit work force.

Personal data collected in the program is kept confidential, while overall information will be used to track the base civilian population’s health progress.

The base plans to give all wings the opportunity to use the program in their work areas at least once a year.

*Editor’s note: Civilians are encouraged to fill out the Civilian Health Promotion Service needs assessment survey*

## What to know

The Civilian Health Promotion Service provides civilians blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and height and weight checks in their work areas. CHPS, located in Building 207, Room C119, is open Mondays through Fridays, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Lynn Oakes at 327-8032.

*at [www.foh.dhhs.gov/CHPS\\_Survey.asp](http://www.foh.dhhs.gov/CHPS_Survey.asp). It will be available today through April 15. The survey will tell AFMC headquarters what civilians are interested in, and establish a baseline health assessment of the work force.*

**SANDRA MURPHY**

330th Fighter Sustainment Group administrative assistant



# Senior Airman performs Heimlich maneuver, saves co-worker’s life

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When Senior Airman Nila Hay noticed his co-worker, Terri Robinson, choking during their lunch break March 4, he did the only thing he knew to do – the Heimlich maneuver.

Airman Hay, a 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron journeyman, was sitting at his desk about 20 feet away when a co-worker told him Mrs. Robinson, a senior production scheduler and maintenance controller, was in distress.

“Terri was eating lunch and as she bent down to read the newspaper, she tried to swallow a piece of chicken, and it got caught in her throat,” he said. “It all happened so fast. I was just hoping I could remember the training and remember to do it the right way so I wouldn’t hurt her.”

Fortunately for Mrs. Robinson, Airman Hay knew exactly what to do, thanks to first aid training he received a couple of years before joining the Air Force.

“At the time, it didn’t hit me that I saved someone else’s life,” he said. “To me, I just did what I had to do to help her.”

But the 51-year-old Cincinnati, Ohio, native said she’ll never forget the day he helped her to be able to see another tomorrow.

“He’s my hero,” she said.

“There’s no way I could ever pay him back for what he did. I thank God for him every day.”

Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Moody,



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Terri Robinson, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron senior production scheduler and maintenance controller, credits Senior Airman Nila Hay, 78th LRS journeyman, with saving her life.

noncommissioned officer in charge of the Vehicle Management and Analysis Section, who has worked with Airman Hay for about a year, said the Airman’s actions were characteristic of his daily attitude.

“I think a lot of people would have panicked in that situation,” he said. “But he kept it together and did what he needed to do.”

Mrs. Robinson said she had always held Airman Hay with high esteem, and her recent experience has only amplified that impression.

“I remember when I first started working with the military,” she said. “I wasn’t sure how it would be. Now I know why God sent me here. He knew that this day would happen and he sent him here to save my life.”

“At the time, it didn’t hit me that I saved someone else’s life. To me, I just did what I had to do to help her.”

**SENIOR AIRMAN NILA HAY**  
78th Logistics Readiness Squadron journeyman